

## **AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (currently amended) A method for processing a change of state to update from a first configuration in a responsive environment comprising:

    determining a type of response that the environment should provide in response to the change of state;

    defining response descriptions for the needed response instance having needed inputs in an application model;

    storing the needed inputs in the response description;

    creating a new notification;

    defining a new notification description in a notification model;

    associating the response descriptions within the new notification description;  
and

    then providing the new notification to a notification manager, wherein the notification manager is configured to receive a plurality of new notifications for a user received over time and to receive at least one response to the plurality of the new notifications from the user at the convenience of the user.

then continuing processing in the first configuration until the at least one response is received from the user.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein:

    the response comprises launching an application; and

wherein the response received from the user includes needed input data.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

    the response comprises effecting a further change of state.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

    the response comprises launching an application and effecting a further change of state.

5. (previously amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
determining if the response includes an immediate response event; and  
if the response includes an immediate response event, initiating the immediate  
response event before providing the new notification to the notification manager.

6. (original) The method of claim 5, wherein:  
the response comprises launching an application and the immediate response  
event comprises effecting a further change of state.

7. (currently amended) A method for processing a response notification  
selection from a user to update from a first configuration in a responsive environment  
comprising:

reporting to the responsive environment that the user has selected the  
response notification;  
accessing the description for a notification object corresponding to the selection  
from a notification model;  
retrieving a URI for a corresponding application;  
retrieving a description of the application;  
displaying information about the notification and application parameters to the  
user; and  
querying the user to allow the user the opportunity to respond to accept or  
reject the notification from a list including a plurality of notifications received over time  
and continuing processing in the first configuration until the user responds.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising:  
changing the environment context in response to the selection and parameter  
data received from the user in response to the query.

9. (previously amended) The method of claim 8, wherein:  
changing the environment context in response to the selection comprises  
notifying an initiator of an initial message.

10. (original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:  
terminating processing of the response notification if the user rejects the response notification.
11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein:  
terminating processing comprises terminating an application.
12. (original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:  
querying the user to allow the user the opportunity to explicitly accept the notification.
13. (original) The method of claim 12, further comprising:  
if the notification is accepted, launching the application using the application parameters.
14. (original) The method of claim 12, further comprising:  
querying the user to allow the user the opportunity to accept the notification and to provide input to change the application parameters.
15. (original) The method of claim 14, further comprising:  
if the user provides input to change the application parameters, creating new application parameters based upon user input.
16. (original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:  
launching the application using the new application parameters.
17. (canceled).
18. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising:

processing a default implicit answer to the query using a timer wherein expiration of a time out count results in a selection of the default implicit answer.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, further comprising: permitting the user to further delay accepting or rejecting the notification.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein: providing the new notification to a notification manager comprises displaying a non-intrusive icon in a window.